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To All Vermont Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants:

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10/3/15 MEANINFUL USE REPORTING PERIOD START DATE

If you are planning to attest to Meaningful Use for Program Year 2015, October 3rd, 2015 is the last day to **begin** tracking your Meaningful Use 90-Day reporting period in 2015.

2014 CERTIFIED EHR SYSTEMS

As you may be aware, for Program Year 2014 applications, Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) had the opportunity to take advantage of the CMS flexibility rule and utilize a 2011 Certified EHR System, a 2011/2014 combination Certified EHR System or a 2014 Certified EHR System in order to attest for program year 2014. Now that Program Year 2014 is closed, EPs and EHs are required to be utilizing a fully functional 2014 Certified EHR System for Program Year 2015 applications.

REMINDER: 2015 APPLICATIONS

As previously announced, CMS released two *Notice of Proposed Rulemakings* (NPRMs) last spring. One of the NPRMs is the 2015-2017 Modification rule and it will impact 2015 applications. As soon as this NPRM is published and finalized, we will be working on updating the MAPIR system in order to accommodate the changes published in this rule. Because of the extent of these anticipated updates, it is likely the MAPIR system will not be updated until the early part of 2016. Anyone who wants to submit a Program Year 2015 application with the new NPRM changes will need to wait until the system is updated to accommodate these changes in early 2016. Currently, the following applications can be accepted:

- First-time EHR Incentive Program participants, attesting to Adopt/Implement/Upgrade OR attesting to MU Stage 1 for a 90-day EHR Reporting Period in 2015.
- Providers who attested to A/I/U in a previous Program Year, and are able to attest to MU Stage 1 for the first time for a 90-day EHR Reporting Period in 2015.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, and be sure to check out the <u>Vermont Medicaid EHRIP website</u> for important information and the latest updates about the program.

See you at the <u>VITL Summit!</u> Lorraine

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